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Appl. No. : 10/767,763

Examiner : Thomas D. LEE

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For : IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the above-identified application.

Each of the below-listed documents was cited either by the Applicant (in an Information Disclosure Statement) or by the Examiner during the prosecution of parent Patent Application No. 09/461,402, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,710,894, issued March 23, 2004:

U.S Patent No. 5,508,819 issued to YANAGISAWA et al. on April 16, 1996;

U.S Patent No. 5,798,845 issued to BAEK et al. on August 25, 1998;

U.S Patent No. 6,208,426 issued to SAITO et al. on March 27, 2001;

U.S Patent No. 6,493,107 issued to TOYODA et al. on December 10, 2002;

U.S Patent No. 5,675,507 issued to BOBO II on October 7, 1997;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 812 100 A2 published in December 1997;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 801 492 A1 published in October 1997; and

European Patent Application No. EP 0 845 894 A2 published in June 1998.

A copy of each above-listed documents was either submitted by the Applicant or by the Examiner in the above-noted parent patent application.

Further, the parent application claims the benefit of the filing date of the above-noted parent application under 35 U.S.C § 120. Accordingly, copies of the above-noted documents are not enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. However, each of the above-noted documents is listed on a PTO-1449 Form that is attached hereto.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the initialed and signed form to Applicant with the next communication in the present application.

Applicant further hereby calls the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications to the Examiner's attention:

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,719 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,615 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,766 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,724 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,770 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,769 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,949 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,768 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,726 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,765 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,614 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,767 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004;

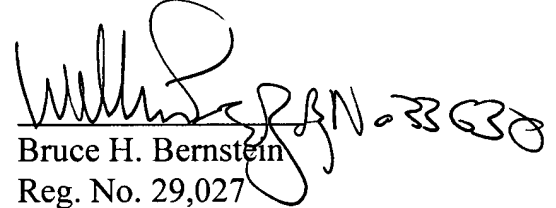
U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,725 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004; and

U.S Patent Application No. 10/767,621 to OGAWA entitled “IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD” which was filed January 30, 2004.

In accordance with 37C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications should be attached hereto. However, since all of these applications have the same specification as the present application, only copies of the claims are attached hereto. Furthermore, the Examiner is also respectfully requested to review and consider the files of these applications and any documents of record therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this statement, or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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